

Subject **RE: Form 700 Filing Officials – Special Districts – Please update your Contact Information**  
From Marinos, Cheri <CMarinos@RIVCO.ORG>  
To manager@teamrcd.org <manager@teamrcd.org>  
Date 2017-10-31 10:23



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Cheri

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 7:55 AM  
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Importance: High

Hi Cheri

Please update as follows:

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On 2017-10-30 15:39, Marinos, Cheri wrote:

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Cc Dana Marcell <marcell@netfile.com>

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This includes districts using Netfile. When you receive my notice, Netfile will be ready with the new form, - and you can email your notices to file. (in Jan 2018)

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Please respond to confirm your contact information! Thank you!

**Cheri Marinos**

SEI Filing Officer

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**County of Riverside California**

Subject **[Funding Opportunity] Funding Announcements and News from the USDA**

From Sara Schremmer <Funding\_Opportunities@carcd.memberclicks.net>

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Date 2017-10-31 10:46



Good morning,

The USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach would like to share the following announcements and funding opportunities with our network:

1. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service is taking grant applications for projects that expand wood products and wood energy markets, especially in areas with high wildfire risk. Applications may be submitted through Jan. 22, 2018. Please visit the following link for additional information:

<https://www.fs.fed.us/news/releases/us-forest-service-award-7-million-grant-applications-projects-expand-wood-products-and>

2. **The Value-Added Producer Grant Program is currently accepting applications!** *Applicants are encouraged to consult with Rural Development staff well in advance of filing an application.*

#### **PURPOSE**

Increase customer base and revenues for agricultural producers in value added products and in marketing local foods that are grown and marketed locally.

#### **ELIGIBLE AREA**

This program is NOT limited to rural areas. All geographical areas are eligible.

#### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

1. Planning activities to evaluate a value-added project, such as conducting feasibility studies, developing business plans, or developing a marketing plan.
2. Working capital activities to implement a value-added project, including such costs as labor and advertising, inventory, and office supplies.

#### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

1. Independent producers
2. Farmer or rancher cooperatives
3. Agricultural producer groups
4. Majority-controlled producer-based business ventures

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE**

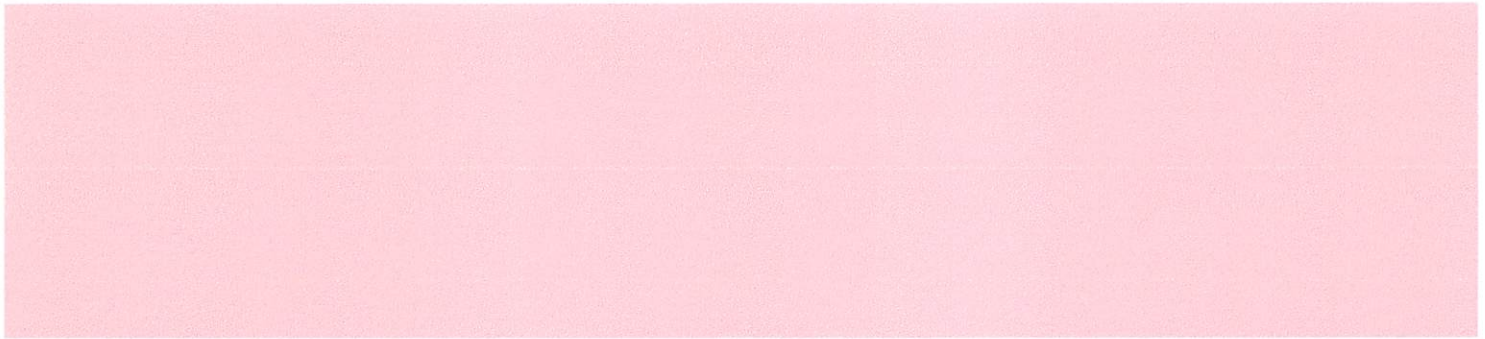


The deadline for electronic applications (through [grants.gov](http://grants.gov)) is **January 24, 2018** and the deadline for paper applications is **January 31, 2018**. Paper, rather than electronic, applications are encouraged. Email or FAX applications are NOT accepted.

## APPLICATION NOTICE AND REGULATION

Requirements for this grant are found in the Value-Added Producer Grant notice and the regulations. The FY2017 notice of solicitation can be found at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/value-added-producer-grants> (click on "PDF" after Notice of Solicitation of Applications at the top of this page). The regulations (RD Instructions) can be found at <http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/4284j.pdf>.

3. Please see the following Press Releases:



Release No. 0139.17

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### USDA Offers Support to People and Communities Affected by California Wildfires

WASHINGTON, October 25, 2017 – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett announced today that USDA is making resources available to help rural people and communities recover from the effects of California wildfires.

"While the full extent of damage from the current wildfires is not yet known, USDA Rural Development is committed to supporting the recovery of impacted rural communities," Hazlett said. "We have a variety of assistance rural communities can use during the rebuilding process."

#### Help for Communities

Rural communities that have been impacted by the fires can receive assistance through the [Community Facilities Program](#) to repair or rebuild essential community buildings and infrastructure and replace damaged equipment. Also, USDA can provide relief through the [Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program](#) to help repair or rebuild rural water and wastewater systems in the aftermath of this disaster.

#### Help for Businesses

Rural Development can help businesses recover from the damage caused by wildfires by guaranteeing their business loans with eligible lenders through the [Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program](#). Funds also may be available from Rural Development's intermediary lenders.

#### Help for Housing

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is taking the lead to provide emergency housing for people who need it in these affected areas. Existing USDA home loan borrowers may qualify for assistance with their loan payments.

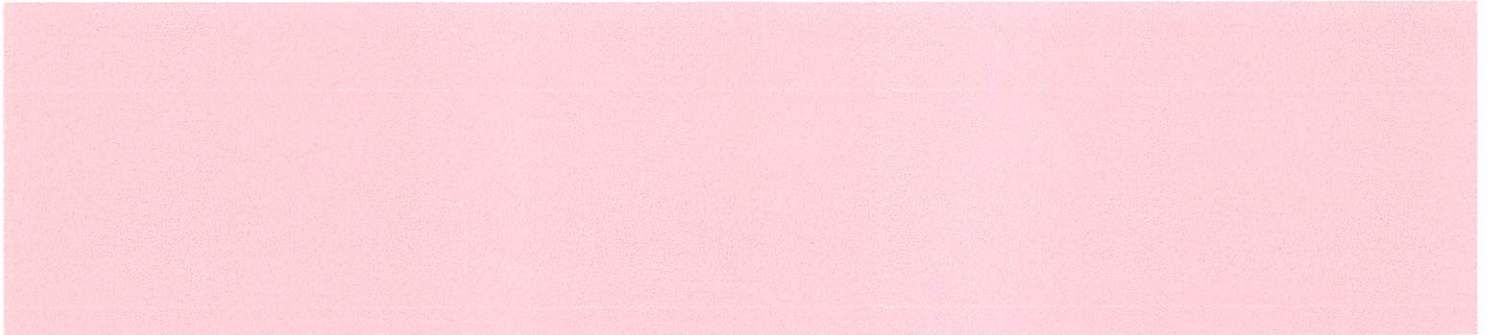
More detailed information on available resources from Rural Development may be found at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/services/rural-development-disaster-assistance>.

Additional resources from USDA and other organizations for those impacted by disasters may also be found at <https://www.usda.gov/topics/disaster>.

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; homeownership; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov/ca](http://www.rd.usda.gov/ca).

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## **ADVISORY: Secretary Perdue to Swear-In Greg Ibach in Omaha, Nebraska**

(Washington, D.C., October 27, 2017) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue will travel to Omaha, Nebraska **MONDAY, October 30th** to swear-in Greg Ibach as Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs and hold a media availability with Mr. Ibach and elected officials. Mr. Ibach was unanimously confirmed to this post by the U.S. Senate on Thursday, October 26th.

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### **Secretary Perdue Statement on Confirmation of Greg Ibach Key USDA Post**

(Washington, D.C., October 26, 2017) – Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today applauded the Senate's confirmation of Greg Ibach, who was nominated by President Donald J. Trump to serve as Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).



Perdue issued the following statement:

“Greg Ibach will bring experience and integrity to his new role at USDA, and carries with him the knowledge he’s gained in the dozen years he has served as Nebraska’s Director of Agriculture. His expertise in a wide cross-section of agricultural issues will be invaluable to our customers: the farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers of America. I look forward to working with Greg and urge the Senate to continue to act on other nominees who are awaiting confirmation.”

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### [USDA Invests in a More Diverse Agricultural Science Workforce](#)

Media Contact: Selina Meiners, [\(202\)734-9376](tel:(202)734-9376)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24, 2017 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced grants to increase women and minority representation in the agricultural science workforce. Funding is made through NIFA’s Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS).

“America’s human capital is our greatest resource,” said NIFA Director Sonny Ramaswamy. “NIFA investments are helping introduce more women and minorities to the agricultural sciences so they might contribute to future agricultural science innovations.”

The [Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Fields Program](#) supports research and extension activities to increase the number of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas who will pursue and complete postsecondary degrees in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

In fiscal year 2017, four grants totaling more than \$378,000 were made to WAMS projects. They are:

- University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, \$95,447
- Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, \$94,378
- University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, \$94,387
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia, \$94,388

The University of Florida will bring mentors to community settings to introduce rural, minority youth to STEM career opportunities. A Montana State University project will introduce female students to agricultural science career opportunities through an online course, internships, networking, and a public summit. More information on these grants is available on the [NIFA website](#).

Past WAMS projects include a [Purdue University](#) mentoring program for women and minority graduate students in the College of Agriculture. A [Tarleton State University](#) project recruited women and minority students and offered them research and training opportunities in the animal and food sciences.

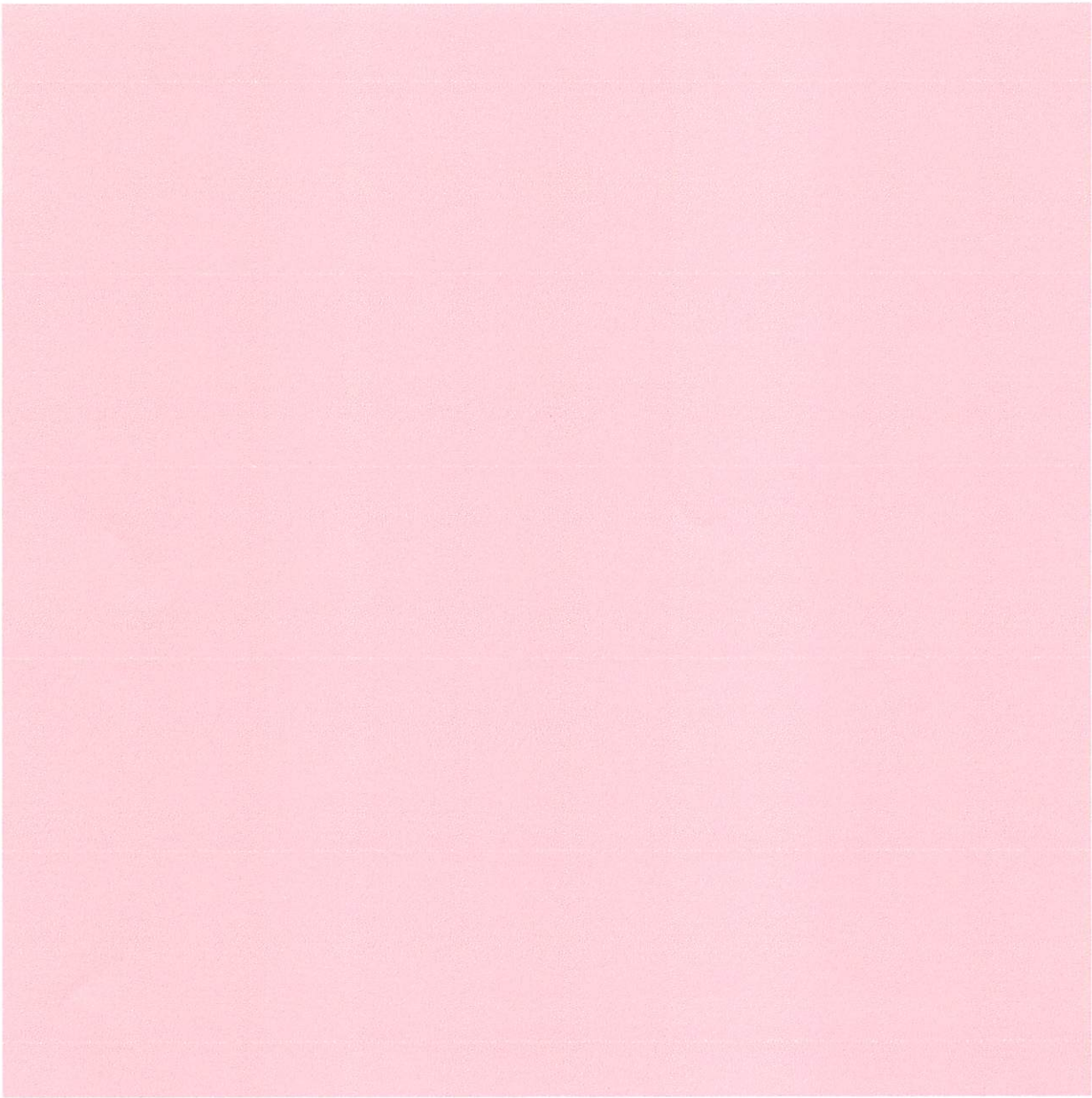
NIFA’s mission is to invest in and advance agricultural research, education, and extension to solve societal challenges. NIFA’s investments in transformative science directly support the long-term prosperity and global preeminence of U.S. agriculture. To learn more about NIFA’s impact on agricultural sciences, visit [www.nifa.usda.gov/Impacts](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/Impacts), sign up for [email updates](#), or follow us on Twitter [@USDA\\_NIFA](#), [#NIFAImpacts](#).

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## **NRCS Sends Team to Help Impacted Communities, Producers in Caribbean**



Staff members with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other USDA agencies are aiding recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands following hurricanes Irma and Maria.

USDA offers a variety of programs that can help communities rebuild vital infrastructure and help producers rebuild their lives.



## Additional Resources:



[Disaster recovery resources](#)



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If you have questions about USDA activities, please visit our [Ask the Expert](#) page. This feature is designed to assist you in obtaining the information you are seeking.



# Additional Announcements Courtesy of the USDA Office of Tribal Relations (10/30/2017)

The Office of Tribal Relations (OTR) serves as a single point of contact for Tribal issues and works to ensure that relevant programs and policies are efficient, easy to understand, accessible, and developed in consultation with the American Indians and Alaska Native constituents they impact. If you have a suggestion on the format of these newsletters or would like to be added/removed to this listserv, please contact Josiah Griffin, Lead Outreach Coordinator, Office of Tribal Relations, at [Josiah.Griffin@osec.usda.gov](mailto:Josiah.Griffin@osec.usda.gov).

## USDA DISASTER RESOURCE CENTER

### Overview

USDA stands ready to partner with tribes in preparing, recovering, and building long-term resilience to natural disasters. The USDA Disaster Resource Center is available to help Indian Country identify resources and technical assistance opportunities relevant to these events and emergencies.

### Conservation and Environmental Recovery

- Application Deadline: November 6, 2017 – USDA Offers Opportunities to Help California Producers Rebuild and Recover; Assessments Underway

### Housing, Business, and Community Assistance

- USDA Offers Support to People and Communities Affected by California Wildfires

### Employment, Internships, and Fellowships

- WEBINAR: October 31, 2017 (12:00PM MT) – Hiring Wildland Firefighter Apprentices

## AGRICULTURE & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

### Grants, Loans, and Other Programs

- Application Deadline: December 4, 2017 – Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program
- Application Deadline: December 8, 2017 – Farm to School Grant Program
- Application Deadline: December 13, 2017 – Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program

### Events

- November 2-3, 2017 (Louisville, KY) – USDA's Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics

### News

- Public Comment Deadline EXTENDED: November 2, 2017 – USDA Seeks Public Input on Updates to Animal Welfare Act Licensing Requirements
- Public Comment Deadline: December 26, 2017 – Availability of Petition for Deregulation of GE Cotton for Herbicide Resistance

### Additional Announcements

- WEBINAR: November 9, 2017 (2:00-3:00PM CT) – Agricultural Water Part II (Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative)
- WEBINAR: November 21, 2017 (2:00-3:00PM CT) – FSMA Preventative Controls for Animal Food Update (Indigenous

#### Food and Agriculture Initiative)

- WEBINAR: November 30, 2017 (2:00-3:00PM CT) – Legal Issues in Tribal Food Safety (Part I) (Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative)

## **BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

#### Grants, Loans, & Other Programs

- Application Deadline: January 2, 2018 – Solid Waste Management Grant Program
- Application Deadline: December 11, 2017 – Assistance to High Energy Cost Communities
- Application Deadline: January 2, 2018 – Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants

## **CONSERVATION & FORESTRY**

#### Grants, Loans, & Other Programs

- Abstract Deadline: January 5, 2018 – Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)

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#### Events

- Abstract Deadline: December 1, 2017 – 2018 National Environmental Justice and Training Program

## **EDUCATION, INTERNSHIPS, & EMPLOYMENT**

#### Research and Development Grants

- Application Deadline: TOMORROW, October 31, 2017 – Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program
- Application Deadline: TOMORROW, October 31, 2017- Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowships (NNE) Grants Program
- Application Deadline: December 8, 2017 – Specialty Crop Research Initiative Request for Pre-Applications

#### Employment, Internships, and Fellowships

- Application Deadline: November 5, 2017 – USDA Accepting Applications for 2018 Borlaug Global Research Alliance Fellowships
- Application Deadline: November 5, 2017 – USDA Accepting Applications for 2018 Borlaug Cocoa Fellowships
- Application Deadline: November 5, 2017 – USDA Accepting Applications for 2018 Borlaug Fellowships
- On-Site Hiring Event: November 15-16, 2017 – Hiring at the Annual Society of American Foresters (SAF) Convention (Albuquerque, NM)
- Applications Accepted: November 6-22, 2017 – Foreign Agricultural Service Will Seek Foreign Service Officers

#### Additional Announcements

- Deadline: January 19, 2018 – Host Sites Needed for Environmental Student Summer Internship Program (Northern Arizona University)



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- **Application Deadline: November 6, 2017 – USDA Offers Opportunities to Help California Producers Rebuild and Recover; Assessments Underway**

**NEWS RELEASE** – The [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#) is targeting \$4 million to help farmers, ranchers, and forest land owners in California recover from the recent wildfires. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will issue waivers for those interested in the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#) to enable recovery work to begin immediately. This is one of several disaster assistance programs available through USDA to support recovery efforts for individuals and communities.

NRCS will immediately begin accepting applications for its EQIP Catastrophic Fire Recovery fund pool to assist producers in covering the cost of certain rehabilitation practices, such as creating check dams in drainages, using damaged trees to slow runoff, repairing culvert systems, and planting tree seedlings. NRCS is waiving the standard 30-day application ranking period and is accepting applications for this initial fund pool through November 6, 2017.

## **Housing, Business, and Community Assistance**

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## **Employment, Internships, and Fellowships**

- **WEBINAR (Tomorrow): October 31, 2017 (12:00PM MT) – Hiring Wildland Firefighter Apprentices**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – The Forest Service will be hiring for the [Wildland Firefighting Apprenticeship Program](#). The apprenticeship program will develop the knowledge and basic skills necessary to work as a wildland firefighter. Apprentices will complete 3,000 hours of on-the-job training. They will also complete a residential firefighting academy at the [Wildland Fire Training Center](#) in McClellan, California. Apprentices will be paid and all costs of training will be covered by the Forest Service. Upon successful completion of the program, apprentices will be in permanent GS-5 firefighter positions. Applications will be accepted on [USAJOBS](#) between November 1-15.

WEBINAR Date: Tuesday, October 31

Time: 12 p.m. MDT

Webinar Link: [Tips for Job Seekers Webinar\(link is external\)](#)

Dial-in Number: [1-888-844-9904](#); Access Code: 5128368#

# AGRICULTURE & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

## Grants, Loans, and Other Programs

- **Application Deadline: December 4, 2017 – Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program**

The Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program (CFP) is soliciting applications for two types of grants. The types are entitled

- (1) Community Food Projects (CFP) and
- (2) Planning Projects (PP).

The primary goals of the CFP are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and Meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers. Applications should be submitted to [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

- **Application Deadline: December 8, 2017 – Farm to School Grant Program**

This October, celebrate Farm to School Month with us, by applying to the FY 2018 Farm to School Grant Program! The purpose of the USDA Farm to School Grant Program is to assist eligible entities in implementing farm to school programs that improve access to local foods in eligible schools. On an annual basis, USDA awards up to \$5 million in competitive grants for training, supporting operations, planning, purchasing equipment, developing school gardens, developing partnerships, and implementing farm to school programs. Grant funding is available for eligible entities including schools and school districts, state and local agencies, non-profit organizations, small- and medium-sized agricultural producers, and Indian Tribal Organizations. For FY 2018, Food and Nutrition Service offers implementation grants, planning grants, and training grants. Indian Tribal Organizations (as well as organizations submitting proposals that serve Native communities) are a funding priority!

Check out [resources for applicants](#) and see a [list of awardees](#) since the release of the first Request For Applications (RFA) in 2013!

- **Application Deadline: December 13, 2017 – Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program**

The Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive Grant Program support projects to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables among low-income consumers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by providing incentives at the point of purchase. The program will test strategies that could contribute to our understanding of how best to increase the purchase of fruits and vegetables by Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants that would inform future efforts, and develop effective and efficient benefit redemption technologies. Applications should be submitted to [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

## Events

- **November 2-3, 2017 (Louisville, KY) – USDA's Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics**

NEWS RELEASE – The annual meeting of USDA's Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics will take place in Louisville, KY on Nov. 2-3, 2017. The agenda includes a discussion of the 2017 Census of Agriculture and census programs; the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Strategic Plan; big data; and the Agricultural Resource Management Survey and Chemical Use program. There will also be an update on NASS by Administrator Hubert Hamer.



## **News**

- **Public Comment Deadline EXTENDED: November 2, 2017 – USDA Seeks Public Input on Updates to Animal Welfare Act Licensing Requirements**

**PRESS RELEASE** – Marking the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) last week, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue asked for input from the public to help determine potential updates to the law's licensing requirements.

The full list of potential changes will be published in the [August 24, 2017 Federal Register](#) and be available after publication at the [Regulations.gov website](#). Comments will be accepted through October 23, 2017, either [online at Regulations.gov after August 24, 2017](#) or in writing at: Docket No. APHIS-2017-0062, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238.

- **Public Comment Deadline: December 26, 2017 – Availability of Petition for Deregulation of GE Cotton for Herbicide Resistance**

**NEWS RELEASE** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is making available for public comment a petition from Bayer CropScience, LP seeking deregulation of cotton genetically engineered (GE) for resistance to the herbicides glyphosate and isoxaflutole. Glyphosate is a broad spectrum herbicide commonly used to control any weed, and isoxaflutole controls broadleaf weeds and grasses. The petition will be available for public review and comment for 60 days starting October 27, 2017.

## **Additional Announcements**

- **WEBINAR: November 9, 2017 (2:00-3:00PM CT) – Agricultural Water Part II (Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative)**

In this second of a two-part series on agricultural water, the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) will identify risks that impact food safety related to water sources; practices that can reduce those risks; FDA water quality criteria and the importance of water testing; necessary records to document agricultural water quality; required quality of water for harvest and postharvest activities; cross-contamination; and the practices to maintain and monitor the quality of water used in postharvest activities. IFAI will also discuss the latest actions by FDA related to agricultural water standards. [Registration Link](#)

- **WEBINAR: November 21, 2017 (2:00-3:00PM CT) – FSMA Preventative Controls for Animal Food Update (Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative)**

In this webinar, the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) will review the Food Safety Modernization Act final rule for Preventive Controls for Animal Food and the key requirements necessary to reach compliance under the rule. IFAI will also discuss the Current Good Manufacturing Practices for animal food production; analysis of hazards and preventive controls for covered facilities; supply-chain programs, farm definitions, and the feed mill exemption for vertically integrated operations. [Registration Link](#)

- **WEBINAR: November 30, 2017 (2:00-3:00PM CT) – Legal Issues in Tribal Food Safety (Part I) (Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative)**

This webinar will discuss very specific legal issues pertaining to farms that grow produce (fruits and vegetables) in Indian Country and will provide key discussion points to ensure differences in jurisdiction and authority are identified; the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI) will also assist the Tribal producer or those producing food on Indian Country lands in identifying and spotting key issues that face us as unique producers. [Registration Link](#)

## BUSINESS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Grants, Loans, & Other Programs

- **Application Deadline: January 2, 2018 – Solid Waste Management Grant Program**

The Solid Waste Management Grant Program reduces or eliminates pollution of water resources by providing funding for organizations that provide technical assistance or training to improve the planning and management of solid waste sites. Funds may be used to

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources.
- Provide technical assistance or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills.
- Provide technical assistance or training to help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming into a landfill.
- Provide technical assistance or training to prepare for closure and future use of a landfill site.

Applications should be submitted to Grants.gov.

- **Application Deadline: December 11, 2017 – Assistance to High Energy Cost Communities**

High Energy Cost Grants assist energy providers and other eligible entities in lowering energy costs for families and individuals in areas with extremely high per-household energy costs (275 percent of the national average or higher.) Applications should be submitted to Grants.gov.

- **Application Deadline: January 2, 2018 – Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants**

Funds may be used to pay expenses associated with providing technical assistance and/or training (TAT) to identify and evaluate solutions to water problems relating to source, storage, treatment, and distribution, and to waste disposal problems relating to collection, treatment, and disposal; assist applicants that have filed an pre-application with USDA Rural Utility Services in the preparation of water and/or waste disposal loan and/or grant applications; and to provide training that will improve the management, operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities. Applications should be submitted to Grants.gov.

## CONSERVATION & FORESTRY

### Grants, Loans, & Other Programs

- **Abstract Deadline: January 5, 2018 – Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)**

The goal of Cooperative Weed Management Areas program is to detect, prevent, eradicate, and/or control invasive plant species to promote resiliency, watershed stability, and biological diversity on federal, state, or private land.

Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) or Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMAs) or similar organizations within the US Great Lakes Basin (parts of MN, WI, MI, IL, IN, OH, PA, and NY) can apply. Applications should be submitted to Grants.gov.

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### Events

- **Abstract Deadline: December 1, 2017 – 2018 National Environmental Justice and Training Program**

The 2018 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program (NEJC) planners are inviting individuals to submit abstracts, not to exceed two pages, related to environmental justice. Each abstract should include the submitter's name,



affiliation, full contact information, and the amount of time being requested. The overall theme of the NEJC is "Enhancing Communities Through Capacity Building and Technical Assistance."

The conference planners are interested in panel presentations, workshops, training modules, case studies, best practices and success stories in all environmental justice related areas. Individuals selected to present or moderate will serve on a voluntary basis. All moderators and presenters must register for the conference. Since registration is free for most participants, conference travel expenses and hotel accommodations will be at the participant's expense. Abstracts must be sent to: [email@thenejc.org](mailto:email@thenejc.org)

## EDUCATION, INTERNSHIPS, & EMPLOYMENT

### Research and Development Grants

- **Application Deadline: TOMORROW, October 31, 2017 – Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program**

The purpose of the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program is to provide scholarships to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring, and training committed, eligible multicultural scholars, resulting in either baccalaureate degrees within the food and agricultural sciences disciplines or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) degrees. The scholarships are intended to encourage outstanding students from groups that are historically underrepresented and underserved to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in the Food, Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Human Sciences, or achieve a D.V.M., that would lead to a diverse and highly skilled work force. Applications should be submitted to [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

- **Application Deadline: TOMORROW, October 31, 2017- Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowships (NNF) Grants Program**

This Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowships Grants program supports:

- (1) training students for master's and doctoral degrees in food, agricultural and natural resource sciences; and
- (2) Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances (IRTA) for eligible USDA NNF beneficiaries.

Awards are specifically intended to support traineeship programs that engage outstanding students to pursue and complete their degrees in USDA mission areas. Applications are being solicited from institutions that confer a graduate degree in at least one of the following Targeted Expertise Shortage Areas:

- (1) animal and plant production;
- (2) forest resources;
- (3) agricultural educators and communicators;
- (4) agricultural management and economics;
- (5) food science and human nutrition;
- (6) sciences for agricultural biosecurity; and
- (7) training in integrative biosciences for sustainable food and agricultural systems.

Applications should be submitted to [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

- **Application Deadline: December 8, 2017 – Specialty Crop Research Initiative Request for Pre-Applications**

The purpose of the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) program is to address the critical needs of the specialty crop industry by awarding grants to support research and extension that address key challenges of national, regional, and multi-state

importance in sustaining all components of food and agriculture, including conventional and organic food production systems. Projects must address at least one of five focus areas:

- (1) Research in plant breeding, genetics, genomics, and other methods to improve crop characteristics
- (2) Efforts to identify and address threats from pests and diseases, including threats to specialty crop pollinators
- (3) Efforts to improve production efficiency, handling and processing, productivity, and profitability over the long term (including specialty crop policy and marketing)
- (4) New innovations and technology, including improved mechanization and technologies that delay or inhibit ripening
- (5) Methods to prevent, detect, monitor, control, and respond to potential food safety hazards in the production efficiency, handling and processing of specialty crops.

Pre-applications should be submitted to [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

### **Employment, Internships, and Fellowships**

#### **· Application Deadline: November 5, 2017 – USDA Accepting Applications for 2018 Borlaug Global Research Alliance Fellowships**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2018 Borlaug Global Research Alliance Fellowships. Fellows will work with a mentor at USDA's Agricultural Research Service or a U.S. university for up to 12 weeks on resilient agricultural research. The U.S. mentor will later visit the fellow's home institution to continue collaboration.

#### **Objectives:**

- Provide early-to-midcareer agricultural research scientists, faculty, and policymakers with individual training opportunities in resilient agricultural research
- Provide practical experience and exposure to new perspectives and/or technologies that can be applied in their home institutions
- Foster increased collaboration and networking to improve agricultural productivity and trade
- Facilitate the transfer of new scientific and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practices
- Address obstacles to the adoption of technology such as ineffectual policies and regulations

#### **· Application Deadline: November 5, 2017 – USDA Accepting Applications for 2018 Borlaug Cocoa Fellowships**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2018 Borlaug Global Cocoa Initiative Fellowships. Fellows will work with a mentor at USDA's Agricultural Research Service or a U.S. university for up to 12 weeks on research related to improving cocoa production and quality. The program offers training opportunities in specific topics focused on cocoa breeding, integrated pest management, and post-harvest management. The U.S. mentor will later visit the fellow's home institution to continue collaboration

#### **Objectives:**

- Provide practical experience and exposure to new perspectives and/or technologies
- Foster increased collaboration and networking to improve agricultural productivity and trade
- Facilitate the transfer of new scientific and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practices
- Address obstacles to the adoption of technology such as ineffectual policies and regulations

· **Application Deadline: November 5, 2017 – USDA Accepting Applications for 2018 Borlaug Fellowships**

**ANNOUNCEMENT** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2018 Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program. The program offers training and collaborative research opportunities to scientists, researchers, and policymakers from 40 eligible countries. Fellows will work one-on-one with a mentor at a U.S. university, research center, or government agency, usually for 8-12 weeks. The U.S. mentor will later visit the fellow's home institution to continue collaboration.

· **On-Site Hiring Event: November 15-16, 2017 – Hiring at the Annual Society of American Foresters (SAF) Convention (Albuquerque, NM)**

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**Convention registration is not required to apply!**

**Address:** Double Tree

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**Application Time-Frame:**

- November 15 (Noon to 6:00PM)
- November 16 (9:00 to 1:00PM)

**Available Positions:**

- Natural Resource Specialists
- Foresters
- Forestry Technicians
- NEPA Planners
- Biological Scientists

· **Applications Accepted: November 6-22, 2017 – Foreign Agricultural Service Will Seek Foreign Service Officers**

Foreign Service Officers are posted across the globe, allowing FAS to address trade policy, development, and market promotion issues as they arise. They are the front-line professionals representing the Department of Agriculture in 93 overseas field offices in U.S. diplomatic missions covering 171 countries. They can be sent anywhere in the world, at any time, to serve the diplomatic needs of the United States.

**Guide to the Foreign Service Officer Selection Process**



On November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30pm, Foreign Agricultural Service will host a public information session at Patriot's Plaza III 355 E. Street, SW Washington, DC in Auditorium B on the first floor. For those not in the Washington, DC area, the virtual access information is: [www.teleconferenceatt.com](http://www.teleconferenceatt.com), Meeting number-1-888-844-9904, Code-3206162.

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#### **Additional Announcements**

· **Deadline: January 19, 2018 – Host Sites Needed for Environmental Student Summer Internship Program (Northern Arizona University)**

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University is seeking intern host sites for the Student Summer Internship (SSI) Program. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations that are selected as host sites, will host a college student for eight weeks, during the months of June, July and August. As an intern host site you gain a dedicated college student who will complete a new or on-going project directly related to air quality, which will benefit the student, your agency, and the environment.

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We hope you enjoy the November Jeffries Journal E-Newsletter, featuring Kevin's Corner, Supervisor Success Stories, Board and Commissions Spotlight, our Non-Profit Spotlight and upcoming events in our District.

Pasted immediately below is this issues Kevin's Corner, but the whole newsletter is attached or available at this link:

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### Kevin's Corner

For the last two months, I have been digging into a specific aspect of our county finances---How much revenue do we generate from homes in the unincorporated (non-city) areas, and how much do we spend to provide them with basic county services (fire, sheriff, code, animal services, etc.)?

In my initial digging, I have found the following tentative amounts:

#### **Basic Unincorporated Service EXPENSES (2016/17):**

Sheriff Patrol: \$ 92,683,356  
 Fire Protection: \$ 56,481,541  
 Code Enforcement: \$ 6,359,269  
 Animal Services: \$ 11,773,795

**Total Expenses: \$167,297,961 mil**

#### **Basic Unincorporated REVENUES (2016/17):**

County "Net" from Unincorporated Property Taxes: \$ 53,306,848  
 County "Net" of Unincorporated Supplemental Taxes: \$ \*Can't determine  
 Unincorporated portion of Motor Vehicle In-Lieu fees: \$ \*Can't determine  
 Sales Tax paid by Unincorporated residents: \$ \*Can't determine  
 Unincorporated Franchise Fees: \$ \*Can't determine



**Total Revenue/Income:** \$ \*Can't determine

So you ask - WHY can't the revenues be determined? Good question! I was recently informed that if I wanted these answers, the county will need to hire an outside consultant, and that they could get started early next year! Are you kidding me!? Another consultant! So as my County staff cannot provide this information, I may be turning to some of you fellow taxpayers who have a background in finances, and form a First District citizen's finance committee to help dive into the budget books and help find what others can't seem to find.

Why do I need to know this information? Because it is fundamental to our bottom line. First, are we making or losing money with every new residential rooftop built in our non-city areas? Second, what will the increased service costs be going forward as our county continues to grow? Third, if we are losing money - where will we make it up and how? These are simple Business 101 questions.

Now to add more trouble to our financial picture, it was just unveiled at a recent Board meeting that our county pension system is only funded at around 71% (80% is desirable) and that our INCREASED pensions costs will be an additional \$303 Million over the next six or so years! Am I the only one in the room who thinks Rome is burning?

As always - I welcome your comments, feedback and observations.

Respectfully,

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